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sHB-5321

AN ACT REQUIRING NEWBORN SCREENING FOR DUCHENNE  
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** In the out years

***Municipal Impact:*** None

## ***Explanation***

The bill, which requires that, starting 7/1/27, all newborns be tested for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) as part of the Department of Public Health's newborn screening program for genetic and metabolic disorders, results in a cost to the department, and to the Office of the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits, in the out years.

## ***The Out Years***

It is anticipated that the Department of Public Health would incur costs of approximately \$376,572 in FY 27 and \$358,597 in FY 28,<sup>1</sup> and the Office of the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits would incur costs of approximately \$66,365 in FY 27 and \$69,724 in FY 28, to test newborns for DMD. Positions and other expenses are anticipated a full fiscal year ahead of the implementation deadline to validate the testing method before it goes live. The fiscal impact identified for the out years would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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<sup>1</sup>Costs reflect wages and compensation for a Microbiologist 2 or Chemist 2 needed to perform DMD screening and one Health Program Assistant 1 to assist with reporting results, for each year's birth cohort (approximately 38,000 newborns per year), as well as other expenses related to the purchase of ancillary supplies and reagents.